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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
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Serial No.: 09/594,518	:	Group Art Unit: 2143
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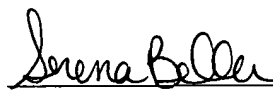
In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 6, 2004 (Paper No. 6), with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 6, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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